

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

An audio-based forms authoring program can incorporate encoded zoning and structural information into the form, for example, in audio signals detectable and decodable by an audio recognition program used to extract the user data. The zoning information can include a temporal location and temporal dimensions for each data field in the form, *e.g.*, the time in seconds from the start of an audio recording where a data field begins and the duration of a pause provided for the user to enter user data. The structural information can be similar to the structural information provided for a paper-based form, that is, field names, types of user data expected, and the like. An audio recognition program detects and decodes the zoning and structural information, and uses the information to locate and extract the user data, in a similar manner as described above in the context of paper-based forms.